

# Weekly Views

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Friday, November 21, 2008



*"You cannot do all the good  
the world needs, but the  
world needs all the good you  
can do." ~ Anonymous*

Rockville Correctional received ACA re-accreditation, passing 100% of mandatory and 98.7% of non-mandatory standards.

5 Ukrainian judges visited the Indiana Women's Prison to learn about the Indiana prison system. The judges enjoyed a tour of the facility, an ICAN presentation, and a meal prepared by Inmate-to-Workmate program participants.

Congratulations to those who recently earned the Certified Corrections Supervisor/Security Threat Group designation from ACA: Lina Presley, Central Office; JR Smith and Darren Chaney, Putnamville; Amanda Leis, Miami; Kyle Stevens and Pete Peterson, Pendleton; Kevin Niewald, RDC & Plainfield; and Jerry Newlin, Rockville.

The Wee One's Nursery program at the Indiana Women's Prison received over \$4,700 in generous donations for supplies from facilities: PREF offenders gave \$700, Wabash Valley PLUS offenders gave \$500, Branchville PLUS offenders gave \$500, ISP offenders gave \$1,000, Plainfield PLUS offenders gave \$500, Madison Toastmasters offenders gave \$250, Miami PLUS offenders gave \$500, Henryville offenders gave \$500, and Rockville PLUS offenders gave \$250.

The 2008 Woman's Press Club of Indiana (WPCI) prison writing contest has concluded and had an all-time high of 255 entries--131 poems, 53 short stories, and 71 essays. Winners represented WVCF, ISP, IWP, and Plainfield Correctional.

Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility graduated 4 students from the GED program.

An Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Custody Supervisors meeting was held at the Putnamville State Police Post with presentations on incident reviews, CAPS training, K-9 cell phone detection, command center operations, and chemical munitions conversion.

The Crisis Center, Inc. in Lake County designated the Gary Parole Office as a place teens can go in the event of abuse, neglect, or any other issue that may arise and feel secure until the Crisis Center arrives.

Camp Summit held a ceremony for the 26 students who completed Napoleon Hill's Keys to Success Program.

Plainfield Correctional Facility held a suicide prevention workshop, where Bill Moulton, a suicide prevention advocate, gave the keynote address to staff from PREF, RDC, Putnamville, IJCF, and the Hendricks County School Corporation.

New Castle Correctional Facility's Religious Services Department offenders raised \$494.66 for The Villages.

Edinburgh Correctional Facility staff donated 5 large bags of clothing and 7 boxes of toys for children to the Lords Locker in Trafalgar, IN. The Lords Locker will use the donations to help those in need during the holiday season.

Reception-Diagnostic Center held a Ham & Beans sale and raised \$220 for the annual staff Christmas party.

Pendleton Correctional Facility's Inside Out Dad program donated \$2,000 to the three Pendleton elementary school principals. The money will be used to purchase Christmas presents for needy children.

Indiana State Prison's American Legion and JayCees donated 50 turkeys and \$1,000 worth of toys to the Salvation Army.

7 retired racehorses arrived at the Putnamville Correctional Facility from Hoosier Park Race Track. The Equine Management Program now has a total of 28 horses. 2 horses were recently adopted by Saint Mary of the Woods College.

Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility received a \$9,000 Lilly Endowment Inc. grant which provides funds for food, clothing, hygiene items, and other special programs for the student population through the Holiday Care program.

Correctional Industrial Facility held its 2nd Master Student to Master Employee graduation ceremony. 16 students received certificates from Superintendent Tom Hanlon.

Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility held its 2nd Baby Think It Over program using the RealCare Baby Simulators. Residents experienced what it is like to care for an infant while it cries and fusses.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner